

rounds of ammunition. It also was modified to carry one Sidewinder missile under each wing. Snakeye bombs, fire bombs, rocket packages and cluster bombs.

The OV-10D can carry a 20mm gun turret with 1,500 rounds of ammunition.

During the Vietnam War, two OV-10Ds were used for a variety of missions during a six-week period and flew more than 200 missions in which they were credited with killing 300 enemy troops and saving beleaguered outposts from being overrun by the communists.

TRIBUTE TO BEULAH G. VARNELL

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I want to commend and congratulate an outstanding employee of the Department of Agriculture in Alabama, Beulah G. Varnell. She has been working in various capacities for the Department there for over 50 consecutive years.

Prior to joining the Department of Agriculture's Consolidated Farm Service Agency [CFSA], Mrs. Varnell worked at the Red Stone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL, for a short period of time. In 1945, she began work as Assistant Clerk of Conservation Materials and the next year became Principal Conservation Material Clerk. She progressed steadily over the next few years to Senior Clerk in 1949.

Beulah Varnell has demonstrated exceptional ability to assuming and carrying out many programs, with primary responsibilities for administrative, price support, conservation, wool and mohair, and feed grain. She became Chief Program Assistant in 1966 and is known across the State for her knowledge of CFSA programs and her extraordinary ability to get the job done and done well. This is reflected by her willingness to help out with all other programs in the county office.

She has worked for four different CEO's during her 50 years with the agency. She has always donated annual leave to the leave transfer recipients and maintains 240 hours of annual leave at the end of each year as indicated by all available records. She currently has accumulated 4,103 hours of sick leave, and has never been off work for any extended period of time. There is a familiar anecdote that Beulah once had a wreck while on her way to work and asked that her typewriter be brought to her home so that she could continue her duties uninterrupted. That is dedication.

Beulah married Royce Varnell, who is retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority, in 1950. She is very close to her family, including her brother, 3 sisters, nieces, and nephews. The Varnell's have two farms in Rogersville, AL, one planted with soybeans, the other maintaining several head of cattle. Beulah has lived on a farm in Rogersville all her life and has been associated with all aspects of farming through personal experiences and her job with CFSA.

She is an active member of the Rogersville Church of Christ where she teaches a class. Beulah and Royce have

a garden every year and also maintain a numerous assortment of flowers around their home. In her spare time, she enjoys crocheting and quilting. She also enjoys spending time at the camphouse on the Tennessee River, visiting with friends and family.

In short, Beulah Varnell enjoys life to its fullest, and is happiest when helping others. She is a great asset to CFSA and the Department of Agriculture, having always remained totally dedicated to the needs of county producers. I congratulate her and salute her as one of the best examples of public service our Nation has to offer.

IS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? LOOK AT THE ARITHMETIC

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the impression will not go away: The \$4.9 trillion Federal debt stands today as a sort of grotesque parallel to television's Energizer bunny that appears and appears and appears in much this same way that the Federal debt keeps going and going and going—up, of course.

A lot of politicians talk a good game—and talk is the operative word—about reducing the Federal deficit and bringing the Federal debt under control.

Control, Mr. President? As of yesterday, Monday, July 17, at the close of business, the total Federal debt stood at exactly \$4,927,653,309,340.54, or \$18,705.46 per man, woman, and child on a per capita basis. *Res ipsa loquitur*. Some control.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, morning business is closed.

COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY REFORM ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume consideration of S. 343, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 343) to reform the regulatory process and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Dole amendment No. 1487, in the nature of a substitute.

Levin (for Glenn) amendment No. 1581 (to amendment No. 1487), in the nature of a substitute.

Ashcroft amendment No. 1786 (to amendment No. 1487), to provide for the designation of distressed areas within qualifying cities as Regulatory Relief Zones and for the selective waiver of Federal regulations within such zones.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri [Mr. Ashcroft].

AMENDMENT NO. 1786

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, throughout the current debate on S. 343, regulatory reform, little has been said about the devastating effects of

regulations on America's urban core inner-city centers. Yet it is precisely our Nation's most distressed urban areas which are really threatened as a result of the onerous implications of some of the regulations on the city center. I believe it is time for us to look at those regulations as they relate to the cities and the potential for job growth and development in those cities. And it is time for us to have a look at whether or not we can mitigate the impacts of regulation against some of the areas where job development and growth are most challenging.

So I have submitted an amendment which is called the Urban Regulatory Relief Zone Act of 1995, an amendment to Senate bill 343, which is designed to try to provide that kind of relief. I believe it is in the best interests of our urban centers to be able to develop waivers so when we really find the regulations are hurting the health, the safety, the well-being, the security of our citizens, that, in fact, those regulatory provisions can be waived in cooperation with the Federal Government to provide an opportunity for jobs.

Mrs. HUTCHISON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] is recognized.

AMENDMENT NO. 1789 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1786

(Purpose: To provide for the designation of distressed areas within qualifying cities as regulatory relief zones and for the selective waiver of Federal regulations within such zones)

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], for herself and Mr. ASHCROFT, proposes an amendment numbered 1789 to amendment No. 1786.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be added, add the following:

“TITLE II—URBAN REGULATORY RELIEF ZONES

SECTION 201. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Urban Regulatory Relief Zone Act of 1995”.

SEC. 202. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the likelihood that a proposed business site will comply with many government regulations is inversely related to the length of time over which a site has been utilized for commercial and/or industrial purposes in the past, thus rendering older sites in urban areas the sites most unlikely to be chosen for new development and thereby forcing new development away from the areas most